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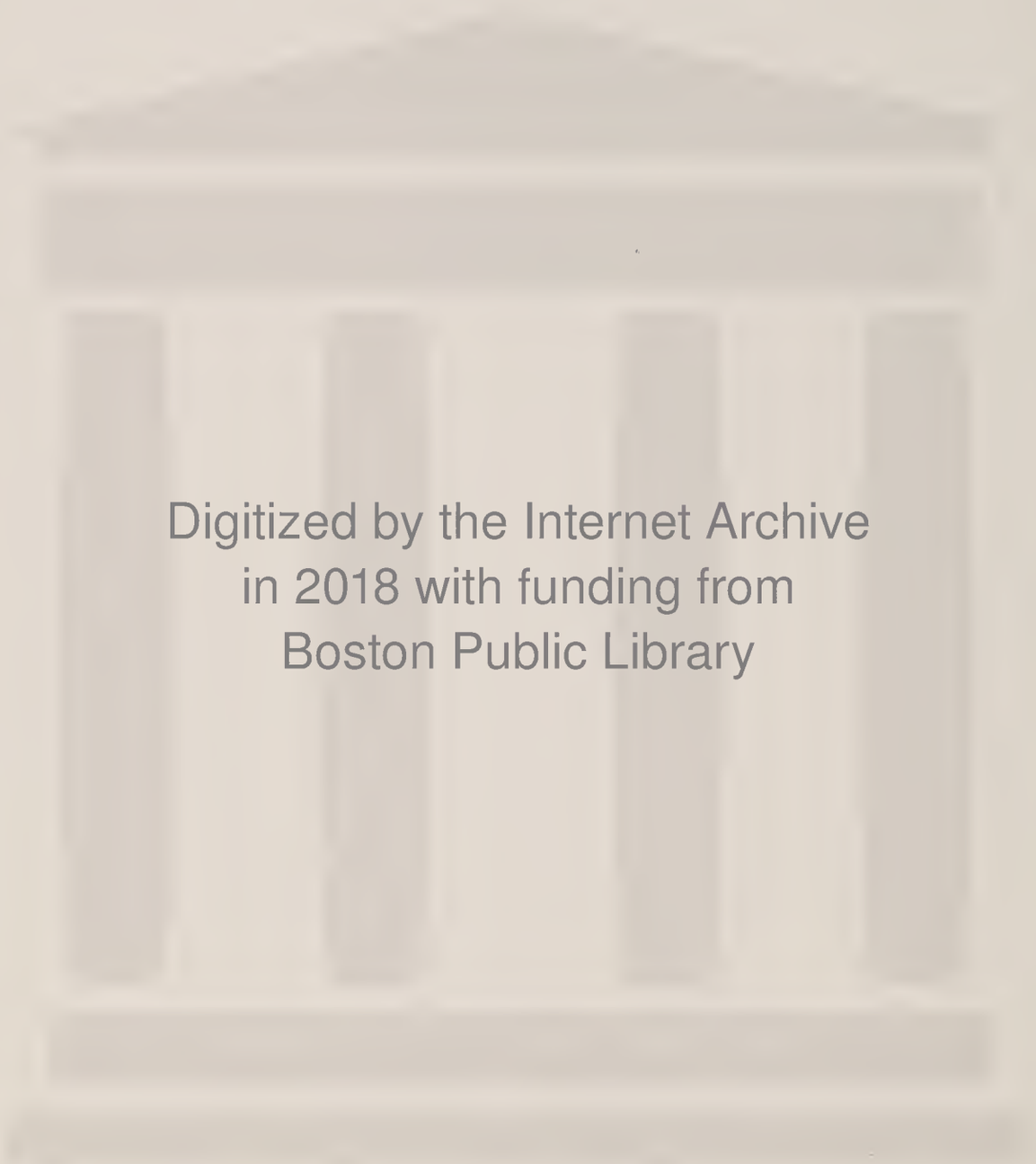
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This Bulletin is intended to supplement the Governor Dummer catalogue by providing specific and detailed information which boys and their parents, particularly newly-enrolled boys and their parents, should have before the boys' arrival at the Academy. Additional copies of the catalogue are available on request.

EXPENSES

Tuition: For boarding students, the annual charge is $2,750, payable in three installments, as follows: $950 on or before September 1, $950 on or before December 1, and $850 on or before February 1, unless payments are being made through one of the insured tuition payment plans.

For day students living in areas other than the Town of Newbury or the Parish of Byfield, the annual charge is $1,400, payable in three installments ($500, $500, and $400) on the dates specified above for boarding students, or through one of the insured tuition payment plans.

For day students living in the Town of Newbury or the Parish of Byfield, the annual charge is $700, payable in three installments ($300, $200, and $200) on the dates specified for boarding students, or through one of the insured tuition payment plans.

It is understood that boys are enrolled for the entire academic year and the school establishes its operating budget on this basis. For this reason, no adjustment of tuition charges can be made by the school for absence, withdrawal, or dismissal without specific vote of the Board of Trustees.

Regular Expenses Included in Tuition: The annual tuition charge for boarding students includes the cost of room, board, and instruction. For day students it includes the cost of instruction and luncheons. It includes for both boarding and day students the cost of athletic uniforms and helmets (but not shoes), towels for use in locker rooms, and transportation of players and managers to other schools for games. For boarding students and, where appropriate, for day students, it includes the cost of Saturday-night entertainment, motion pictures, lectures, and athletic events at the school; laboratory equipment and the use of laboratories, library, machine shop, and the photographic dark room; complete dormitory room furnishings, including bed linen and bed spread (but not blankets).

Medical Expense Included in Tuition: The annual tuition charge for boarding students covers all expenses incurred *at the school infirmary* for treatment of illness or accident, including out-patient treatment, residence and nursing

care in the infirmary (up to seven days per illness), and ordinary medicines; it also includes the services of the school physician either at the school infirmary or elsewhere on the campus.

It does not cover medical expenses incurred off campus, such as residence or out-patient treatment at a hospital; charges for x-rays and laboratory tests; fees for consultants, surgeons, and the service of the school physician off campus; dental care; etc.

The Academy assumes that most parents have medical insurance (such as Blue Cross and Blue Shield) covering the cost of hospitalization and the services of doctors away from the school infirmary. However, for any parents who may wish additional coverage, the Academy will make available at additional cost an accident policy providing for off-campus medical treatment.

Other Necessary Expenses: Each boy will be charged for his books and school supplies. Experience shows that the total of such expenses varies for individual boys between $50 and $75 per year.

Optional Expenses: Certain other charges will appear on school bills. They vary widely in total amount with individual boys but average about $300 per year per boy. It will be noted that a number of them might be items of expense to parents even were the boy not at boarding school. These charges might include: pocket money, subscriptions to school publications, team photographs, school dances, College Board Examination fees, transportation to and from Newburyport or Boston at vacation periods, optional bus trips, pressing, laundry (if done locally), $12 fee for Golf Club privileges, hockey and lacrosse sticks and gloves.

Deposit Accounts: A deposit of $100 for both boarding and day students is required at the beginning of each school year. All expenses listed above as "Other Necessary Expenses" and "Optional Expenses" are charged against the deposit account. An itemized accounting is rendered to parents each month. Parents will be expected always to keep a balance of at least $50 to their son's credit. When the balance falls below $50, the school will request another deposit sufficient to restore the original balance of $100. In addition, parents are asked to anticipate large withdrawals. A credit balance at the end of the year is refundable but is usually carried forward to the next year.

The school will supervise deposit accounts as follows:

a. Partial Supervision: The school does exercise some supervision over all deposit accounts and under this plan will sometimes discourage, or even disallow, unnecessary withdrawals or charges. However, under the plan of Partial Supervision, considerable discretion is allowed a boy in incurring charges and in making cash withdrawals beyond the authorized weekly allowance.

b. Full Supervision: If a parent prefers, the school will permit no withdrawals or charges beyond the authorized weekly allowance, except for those expenses which seem to us necessary or wholly reasonable in a particular boy's case.

Before school opens, a form is sent to parents on which they are requested to indicate whether they prefer the school to exercise partial supervision or full supervision. They are also requested to indicate on this form the amount of pocket money they wish their son to have as a weekly allowance. We recommend $2 or $3 per week for this purpose and urge that boys not have large amounts of cash in their possession while at school.

Expenses not Chargeable to Deposit Accounts: Personal clothing and other non-school expenses may not be charged to deposit accounts unless special arrangements and advance deposits are made.

The cost of rail or plane tickets for travel at vacation periods may not be charged to deposit accounts. It is normally more convenient for boys to secure tickets and reservations at school through Travelwise Agency, Inc. of Marblehead, Massachusetts, though parents may use their local travel bureaus if they prefer. Travelwise will bill directly to parents the cost of these tickets, plus a small fee for railroad tickets. Travel is heavy at school and college vacation periods, and it is wise to secure reservations at least three weeks in advance.

Initial Payment: The school should receive a check on or before September 1 to cover the following items:

1. First installment of tuition (unless payment is being made through one of the insured tuition payment plans)
2. Deposit of $100
3. Accident insurance premium (Optional)

Checks should be made payable to *Governor Dummer Academy.*

MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS

Before the opening of school each fall, parents are asked to have their sons given a thorough physical examination by the family doctor and to have his findings noted on a form which is mailed to the parents well ahead of opening day.

Experience has shown that it is wise to have a boy's teeth and eyes examined within a reasonably short time before the opening of each school year. Boys who must wear glasses during athletics should secure shatter-proof lenses before arriving at school.

CLOTHING, FURNISHINGS, AND OTHER EQUIPMENT

Because individual boys seem to need varying amounts of clothing, furnishings, and equipment, it is not practical to compile even a minimum list of things they should bring from home. However, it is hoped that the following will be helpful to boys and parents in making decisions on these matters.

Clothing: There is no school uniform or set costume. Boys are required to wear coats and neckties and respectable shoes to classes and meals. On week days they usually wear sport coats with gray flannel or khaki trousers. However, khaki trousers are not permitted at the evening meal.

Boys are required to wear a dark, conservative suit of matching coat and trousers for Sunday chapel, and they normally do wear such a suit to Sunday dinner. Parents are asked to provide this suit and at least three plain white shirts for the same purpose.

Boys should also be provided with overcoats, overshoes, hats or caps, and, if desired, sweaters.

Furnishings: Boys should bring with them blankets and towels for their rooms. They may wish to bring a pair of book ends, as well as two or three framed pictures or other room decorations which may be suspended from the picture molding and which will be subject to approval. Otherwise the rooms are completely furnished.

Other Equipment: Each boy must have for his English course a copy of *Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, Fifth Edition* or *Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary*. These may be purchased at the school store or at home. Other editions of Webster's or other dictionaries are not acceptable.

Students are required to take a course entitled "History of Religion" during their sophomore or junior year. They may bring their own Bibles for use in this course, or they may prefer to purchase in the school store a recommended version which they can treat as a textbook.

The school provides athletic uniforms and the usual protective equipment for all boys, but the boys provide their own athletic shoes, sweat socks, underwear, and individual equipment, such as hockey and lacrosse sticks and gloves, tennis rackets, and golf clubs. The latter items may be purchased at home or at the school store.

If a boy is to send his laundry home, he should bring with him two laundry mailing boxes. If he plans to use the local laundry with which the school makes arrangements, he should bring two laundry bags.

Bicycles are permitted, as are electric blankets, electric razors, and phonographs. Boys may bring .22 caliber target rifles to school. These must be turned over immediately to the master in charge of the Rifle Club, who will keep them except when the Rifle Club is shooting under his supervision.

The following are not permitted, and the cooperation of parents is requested: motor vehicles of any kind, electric irons, cooking appliances, heat lamps, television sets, firearms other than target rifles, and explosives of any kind. Seniors may have radios in their rooms, but other boys may not.

All of a boy's personal possessions should be plainly marked with his name in full.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Week-end Permissions: Week-end permissions are considered a privilege which boys are usually able to earn by satisfactory conduct and scholastic effort. The maximum number of permissions per term is as follows:

Period Covered	*Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors*	*Seniors*
Fall Term	One Saturday week-end*	One Friday week-end** One Saturday week-end
Winter Term	One Saturday week-end*, plus the Winter Week-end	One Friday week-end One Saturday weekend, plus Winter Week-end
Spring Term	Two Saturday week-ends*	One Friday week-end Two Saturday week-ends

* Honor Roll students will be permitted to take a Friday week-end in place of their normal Saturday week-end. Eligibility for this privilege will depend upon the Honor Roll for the most recent monthly marking period.

** Seniors may have the alternative choice of substituting two Saturday week-ends for a Friday week-end in the fall term only.

A Saturday week-end starts at 10:00 o'clock Saturday morning and a Friday week-end starts at 3:00 o'clock Friday afternoon. Boys must return without fail by 7:00 p. m. on Sunday. No permissions will be given for week-ends immediately preceding a regular school vacation.

Boys usually go home or to the home of another boy on week-end permissions, and we expect that parents will assume responsibility for their son and his guests, if any, during such visits. Under no circumstances will a boy be permitted to leave school for a week-end unless he will be under the direct supervision of a responsible adult. Boys should plan to use their week-end permissions for attending weddings or other family affairs, for keeping medical appointments, or for other similar engagements.

Saturday Permission: Boys who are unable to use week-end permissions may substitute a Saturday day permission in Boston. They may leave the campus after 10:00 o'clock Saturday morning. Freshmen, sophomores, and juniors must arrive back at school no later than 7:30 p. m. and seniors must return before 11:00 p. m.

Short Absence Permissions: When school appointments do not conflict, boys may obtain permission on Saturday or Sunday to leave the campus for a stated period of time with their parents or other adults and to miss either the midday or the evening meal. The school will use its discretion as to the number of such permissions granted each term.

Telephone Calls: Parents are asked to limit the number of telephone calls to their sons. Boys cannot be called from classes or study hall to answer the telephone, and it is an inconvenience to be called from the athletic field and dining hall. We prefer that calls be made in the free periods directly following the evening meal and the evening study period; that is, between 6:30 and 7:15 p. m.

and between 9:30 and 10:00 p. m. Even during these two free periods it is often difficult to locate boys quickly. Therefore, we suggest that you make person-to-person calls or else tell the boy in advance when you expect to call him. The school telephone number is Area Code 617-462-6643. *Please do not call during evening study hall, 7:15 to 9:30 p. m.*

A boy always has permission to telephone home during his free time, and it is better to have telephone calls originate from the school. Do not hesitate to call the headmaster or other faculty members at any time, or to request the school office to deliver messages to your son. The school switchboard is open between 8:00 a. m. and 10:30 p. m. Monday through Saturday and from 9:00 a. m. to 10:30 p. m. on Sunday. At other hours, calls will be received at the home of either the headmaster or another faculty member in charge, but parents are requested not to call at such times except in case of emergency.

Special Request to Parents: *Parents are urgently requested not to ask special permission for their sons to leave school early or return late at vacation periods, or to leave before the close of the Commencement exercises.*

Visits to School: Parents are welcome at the school at any time. Sunday afternoon is a particularly good time to visit, since that is the time when boys are least likely to have engagements. Parents are also especially welcome at games, concerts, and the Sunday chapel services.